

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

April 14, 2016

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present : Leigh Raffaele, Connie Andershonis, Elaine Drazek, Heather Hamilton, Robert Jewell,  
Dawn Smith, Joe Watters, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Alison Lorentson

**Recertification:** Mrs. Andershonis reviewed the action items for recertification as follows:

There are 4 action items for a total of 35 points that will carry over with no expiration date:

- Wind Ordinance 10 Points
- Green Building Policy – Resolution 5 Points
- Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan 10 Points
- Create a Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy 10 Points

A total of 9 action items (80 points) will expire:

- Create a Green Team 10 Points (2016 Resolution adopted)
- Community Paper Shredding Event 5 Points (scheduled for Oct. 22, 2016)
- Environmental Commission 10 Points
- Municipal Carbon Footprint – priority 10 Points (most of 2015 is completed)
- Backyard Composting Program 5 Points (scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Materials Reuse Program 10 Points (Town Wide Yard Sale)
- Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal – priority 10 Points (scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
- Hold a Green Fair 10 Points
- Sustainable Land Use Pledge – priority 10 Points

The following action items were also discussed:

- Water Conservation Education Program 10 Points
- Support Local Businesses 10 Points
- Recycled Paper 10 Points
- Reusable Bag Education Program 10 Points (88 bags avail. for next presentation)
- Minimize Water Consumption 10 Points
- Grass – Cut It & Leave It Program 5 Points (needs to be posted on Twp. website)
- Natural Resource Inventory – priority 20 Points (will expire end of 2016)
- Education for Sustainability Programs 10 Points
- Companion Animal Management Pledge 5 Points (draft is complete)
- Water Conservation Ordinance – priority 20 Points (current ordinance needs to be slightly revised in order to qualify)

A total of 150 points are required in order to maintain bronze certification.

**Carbon Footprint:** A majority of 2015 input is complete. The Green Team is waiting for information from Mr. Ward (DPW Supervisor) regarding 2015 mileage.

**Support Local Businesses:** The Green Team agreed to ask the Township Clerk to remove the listing from the Township website at this time. Information is somewhat outdated and needs to be re-categorized. Mansfield Township now has an Economic & Industrial Development Advisory Committee and they may wish to proceed with this action item.

**Backyard Composting Workshop:** Mrs. Fascenelli advised that the workshop is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Event is to be held at the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Earthworms Plus will be the presenter.

**Materials Reuse Program:** Town Wide Yard sale is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 24, 2016. Mrs. Smith will develop a map showing locations of participating residents. Mrs. Andershonis purchased green lawn flags for \$14.00 and 10 yard sale signs for \$10.00 to be used in conjunction with this action item. The Green Team will request that the map be placed on the Township's website. Mrs. Smith advised there is now a clothing donation bin located by Piggy's Deli.

**Green Fair (Harvest Festival):** Mrs. Raffaele presented numerous ideas regarding activities and vendors for a Green Fair. Mrs. Andershonis expressed concern that a Green Fair held in 2016 will not count toward the Green Team's recertification. Event must be held in 2017 in order to qualify. Further discussion was tabled at this time.

**Water Conservation Education Program – EPA Approved Watersense Showerheads:** Mansfield Township was awarded the grant. Mayor Kocher and Mrs. Smith attended the presentation award ceremony and picked up the check for \$2,000.00. A flyer will be developed advertizing the event.

**Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) Revisions:** Mansfield Township was not awarded the \$10,000.00 grant. Mrs. Smith advised during the ceremony Middlesex County (Monroe Township) received a \$20,000.00 grant for an ERI. Mrs. Smith may do an OPRA request for a copy of their submission.

**2016 Conservation Poster Contest:** 2016's theme is "We All Need Trees". Mrs. Hamilton stated that Mansfield Township Elementary School will not be participating in this contest.

**Operation Take Back:** Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Prescription and over the counter drugs can be dropped off at Police Headquarters. Mrs. Smith will investigate the possibility of having a drop box at Police Headquarters year round. Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Walgreens will implement a program to have drop boxes at all of their locations.

A brief discussion was held regarding the following action items:

- Energy Tracking & Management 10-20 Points (Carbon Footprint information will be useful)

- Community Asset Mapping 10 Points (Mrs. Fascenelli will check with the Twp. Clerk regarding this action)
- Establish a Creative Team 10 Points

**SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

Musconetcong Watershed Spring Clean-Up – April 16, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Town Wide Yard Sale – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Free Town Wide Paper Shredding Event – October 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – 1710 Route 57

Township Spring Clean Up – April 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. & April 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – 1710 Route 57

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli